

Response to Restriction Requirement

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REMARKS

This Response replies to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2003, in which restriction to one invention is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Examiner found the application to include two distinct inventions comprising:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a magnetic random access memory device having specific conductor layout, classified in class 365, subclass 158; and
- II. Claims 17-20 drawn to a method of forming a magnetic memory, classified in class 438.

The Examiner found the inventions to be distinct, each from the other, because Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. In the instant case, the Examiner states that the magnetic memory device in Invention I can be made using methods other than that claimed in Invention II.

Election of Species Requirement

With this Response, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of Group I, consisting of claims 1-16, drawn to a magnetic random access memory device.

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